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S E C R E T KHARTOUM 0676

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJ: ERITREA: AMMO RESUPPLY, GOS MEDIATION

REF: KHARTOUM 659 AND 656

1. WHILE AWAITING ARRIVAL EMIR OF KUWAIT ON STATE VISIT, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING BRIEF ABDULLAHI AL-HASSAN AL-KHIDIR, SEC GEN OF PRESIDENCY, AND MINSTATE FONAFFS JAMAL MUHAMMED AHMED RE MINIMAL NATURE OUR AMMO RE-SUPPLY TO ETHIOPIA. RECALLING TO AL-KHIDIR HIS HELP AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR LAST YEAR IN CONTACTING ELF ON TENNECO CASE, I SAID WASHINGTON HOPED ERITREANS WOULD LEARN QUICKLY FROM THEIR FRIENDS THE LIMITATIONS ON WHAT WE WERE DOING AND OUR CONTINUED ENCOURAGEMENT TO PMG AND OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED TO PURSUE DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS. KHIDIR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD. IN LIGHT HIS FORMER ROLE, I THEN TOLD HIM WE HAD ONE INDICATION RE  
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POSSIBLE ERITREAN REPRISALS AGAINST USG PERSONNEL

(ASMARA 0338). KHIDIR SAID HE APPRECIATED INFO BUT DOUBTED ERITREANS WOULD GO TO SUCH LENGTHS. AHMED, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON OUR GUIDANCE BY MIRGHANI, SAID HE UNDERSTOOD LATTER WAS SEEING THAT IT WAS PASSED TO ERITREANS. HE OPINED SUDAN'S MEDIATION WAS MAKING A LITTLE HEADWAY BUT SAID IT WOULD BE PROTRACTED PROCESS.

2. SYRIAN CHARGE HAS REPORTEDLY SOUGHT STIR UP FORMAL SUPPORT FOR ERITREANS WITHIN ARAB DIPLOMATIC CORPS HERE. WHEN SAUDI AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THIS WAS MATTER FOR GOVERNMENT, NOT ENVOYS, AND COULD WELL EMBARRASS SUDAN'S MEDIATION EXERCISE, SYRIAN ABANDONED HIS EFFORTS.

3. COMMENT. SUDANESE CONTINUE HOPE ETHIOPIANS MAY MAKE SOME SORT POSITIVE PUBLIC STATEMENT RE PRINCIPLE OF NEGOTIATIONS (KHARTOUM 659). WHILE RECOGNIZING DIFFICULTIES THIS POSES FOR PMAC SOME SUCH GESTURE WOULD APPEAR FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT HELPFUL IN CONTROLLING REACTION IN ERITREAN QUARTERS TO OUR RECENT AMMO RESUPPLY ANNOUNCEMENT.  
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